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IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Original) A vehicle frame structure for a motorcycle, which comprises a head
2 block including a head tube, a main frame forked leftwards and rightwards from the head block
3 to form a pair of left and right main frame half portions extending rearwardly thereof, and swing
4 arm brackets extending downwardly from rear ends of the main frame half portions;

5 wherein an inner frame portion of the main frame positioned inside the vehicle
6 frame structure and the swing arm brackets in their entirety or respective inner portions of the
7 swing arm brackets are integrally formed by an inner member prepared from a metal casting, and

8 wherein at least an outer frame portion of the main frame is formed by an outer
9 member prepared from a sheet metal.

1 2. (Original) The vehicle frame structure for the motorcycle as claimed in Claim 1,
2 wherein a guide passage for introduction of an air to an air cleaner of an engine is formed inside
3 the main frame.

1 3. (Original) The vehicle frame structure for the motorcycle as claimed in Claim 2,
2 wherein the air cleaner is positioned within a space delimited between the pair of the left and
3 right main frame half portions of the main frame.

1 4. (Original) The vehicle frame structure for the motorcycle as claimed in Claim 2,
2 wherein the inner and outer frame portions of the main frame are configured to represent a
3 generally U-shape, with their openings jointed with each other to define the guide passage
4 therein.

1 5. (Original) The vehicle frame structure for the motorcycle as claimed in Claim 2,
2 wherein a flashing plate for deflecting the flow of the air to separate water contained in the air is
3 disposed within the guide passage.

1 6. (Original) The vehicle frame structure for the motorcycle as claimed in Claim 2,
2 wherein the head block is formed with an intake passage through which the air is sucked and
3 supplied to the guide passage.

1 7. (Original) The vehicle frame structure for the motorcycle as claimed in Claim 6,
2 wherein the head block is a metal casting including an air intake duct that defines the intake
3 passage and the head tube, and is welded to the main frame.

1 8. (Original) The vehicle frame structure for the motorcycle as claimed in Claim 1,
2 wherein the inner member is integrally cast with a cross member for connecting the pair of the
3 left and right main frame half portions with each other.

1 9. (Original) The vehicle frame structure for the motorcycle as claimed in Claim 1,
2 wherein the inner member is integrally cast with damping ribs.

1 10. (New) A combination vehicle frame structure for a motorcycle and air cleaner for

2 providing air to an engine, comprising:

3 a hollow frame body member extending to the front of the motorcycle with an
4 opening for receiving an air flow pressurized by forward movement of the motorcycle and a
5 guide passage connected to the opening for directing air;

6 an air cleaner positioned downstream of the opening and configured to fit within
7 the hollow frame body member for communication with the guide passage for cleaning the air
8 and with the engine for delivering clean air; and

9 a flashing plate positioned within the guide passage traverse to the air flow for
10 deflecting the flow of the air to separate water contained in the air.

1 11. (New) The combination vehicle frame structure of Claim 10 wherein the hollow
2 frame body member includes a left and right main frame half portion and the air cleaner is
3 positioned within a space delimited between the pair of the left and right main frame half
4 portions each of which support a guide passage and a traverse flashing plate adjacent openings to
5 the air cleaner.

1 12. (New) The combination vehicle frame structure of Claim 11 further including
2 means for releasing any separate water from the hollow frame body member.